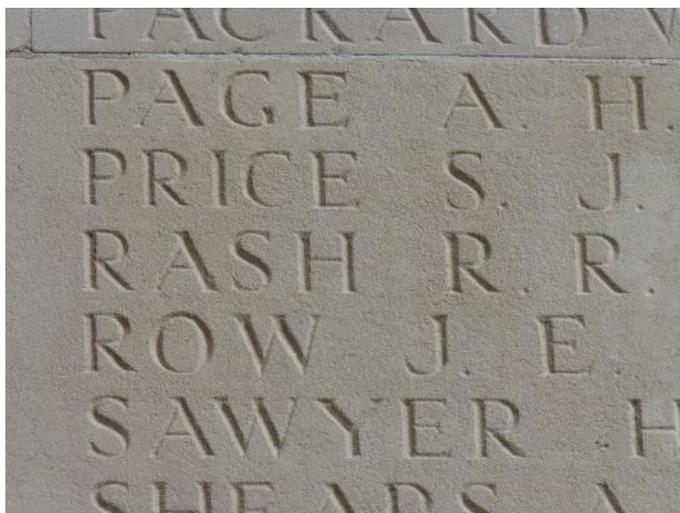


## RALPH REGINALD RASH (1910-13)

<b>Date of Birth</b>	7 November 1896
<b>School Information</b>	Sub Prefect. One of 6 brothers to attend the College
<b>Career Information</b>	None
<b>Date Of Death</b>	12 October 1916
<b>Cause of Death</b>	Killed in action
<b>Location</b>	Somme, France
<b>Cemetery</b>	Thiepval Memorial, France
<b>Rank</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
<b>Branch of Service</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, Suffolk Regiment

Below is a picture of his name on the memorial at Thiepval, France



We were contacted by Peter Clarke who had been researching the War Memorials in the village of Wortham, near Diss and came across a couple of Old Framlinghamians - Arnold William Rash and his brother Ralph Reginald Rash - who made the ultimate sacrifice. He point out to us that there was a wonderful stained glass window in the Church of St Mary Wortham to commemorate their sacrifice. While the figures are stylised, he said he wouldn't be surprised if the faces aren't those of these two young men.

Below are some pictures taken in November 2015 of the window with some close ups, particularly of the insignias at the bottom of the window.



The scroll at the foot of the window reads **"In memory of Arnold William Rash 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the Battle of Passchendaele July 31<sup>st</sup> 1917 aged 25 & of Ralph Reginald Rash 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the battle of the Somme October 12<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 20, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> sons of J.J. Rash JP of Wortham".**

It is interesting to note that the right hand window contains the emblem of the Suffolk Regiment while the left hand window contains the emblem and motto of the College.



They are also remembered on the War Memorial in Wortham churchyard



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SPINTER, W. RAY  
OF  
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WHO FELL IN THE  
GREAT WAR 1914-1918.  
FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH  
—  
ALSO 1939-1945  
ERNEST J. BARTON  
ROBERT J. COLLINS  
WILLIAM F. POTTER

Peter Clarke also added the following comment "Your web-page commemorating Arnold William follows most published sources in assigning him to the 5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment when he died in the opening battle of Third Ypres (Passchendaele). However the 1st/5th Battalion were in Palestine at that time, while the 2/5 and 3/5 were UK only training units providing drafts to other units as needed. As the war dragged on, that could be to any unit were they were needed, not just Suffolk Regiment ones. In the case of Arnold this was the 1st/1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, a unit with very close ties to the Suffolk Regiment." Our reference to 5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment comes from the CWGC website and the Chapel memorial also states Suffolk Regiment as does memorial in Wortham Church.

Inside the church of St Mary there is also a framed Roll of Honour for all who served from the village which includes Arnold and Ralph and their brother John (1903-04).

